मांग है;

(ग) क्या सरकार उस मांग को पूरा करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार कुल विद्युत उत्पादन में से बिहार को उसके खपत एवं मांग के अनुपात में बिजली आपूर्ति करने का विचार रखती है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडु): (क) से (घ) बिहार राज्य बिजली बोर्ड से संबंधित अपेक्षित ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

विद्युत उत्पादन संकल	(मि०यू०)	आवश्यकता आंकड़े	उपलब्धता मि०यू० में)	अवधि: अप्रैल-दिसम्बर, 1993 कमी	प्रतिशत कमी
लक्ष्य 2789	वास्तविक 2204	6365	4249	2116	33.2

राज्य में विद्युत आपूर्ति की जिम्मेवारी संबंधित राज्य/राज्य विद्युत बोर्ड की है। केन्द्रीय सरकार अपनी विद्युत उत्पादन यूनिटों से राज्य को उसका हिस्सा देती है तथा इसके साथ-साथ अनाबंटित कोटे से तथा अन्य क्षेत्रों से उन राज्यों को बिजली की कमी को पूरा करने में सहायता प्रदान करती है जो केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र की विद्युत हेतु भुगतान करने में सक्षम हैं।

Maharashtra Government's proposals for Power Sector

159. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for new power projects that have been submitted so far by the Maharashtra Government to the Union Government for approval during 1992-93;

(b) the present status of the said projects;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have taken measures for the clearance of the pending proposals during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; project-wise, indicating the amount to be released; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) The status of the power projects referred by Govt. of Maharashtra to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of techno-economic clearance during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 (uptill January, 1994) is given below:—

S.No.	Name of Project	Date of receipt	Status
1.	Chikaldhara Pumped Storage Scheme (4×100 MW)	3/93	The scheme has been referred by the State Govt. to Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance.
2.	Barge Mounted Power plant (110 MW) near Dabhol	9/92	The State Govt. of Maharashtra had referred these proposals to Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance for executing the projects in the private sector. Dabhol project has been cleared by the CEA subject to certain conditions. The Khaperkheda Project has been accorded 'in principle clearance' of CEA subject to certain conditions.
2.	Dabhol CCCT (2015 MW)	4/93	
3.	Khaperkheda (2×210MW) Units 5 & 6	7/93	

5. Bhusawal 'B' (2×500MW)	12/93	The scheme has been referred by the State Govt. to Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance.

(d) and (e) Central assistance allocated to the States is on the basis of the modified Gadgil Formula in the form of block loans/grants and is not allocated to specific projects/programmes.

Foreign investment in Power Projects

160. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a new policy on foreign investment in the power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that leading economists and power engineers, including Members of Parliament, have questioned the economic rationale of the projects approved and the policy itself; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The policy to attract greater private investment, including foreign investment was formulated sometime back and has been amended recently. The main elements of policy are contained in the statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The response to the rationale of the private sector policy is generally positive. Clarifications have been provided from time to time regarding some doubts about the projects already approved.

Statement

Private Sector Development

Government have been taking a number of measures with a view to promoting additional investment in the Power Sector from the private sector. An Investment Promotion Cell in the Ministry of Power facilitates private sector investment and the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 has been amended to provide for participation of the private sector generation companies in generation and distribution. A Tariff Notificaiton was issued in March. 92 providing for the basic determinants for negotiation of Power Purchase Agreements between the independent power projects and the State Electricity Boards. The rates of depreciation provided for various facilities under the Electricity (Supply) Act were also reviewed and were marginally modified in January 1992.

In the light of experience gained over the last two years, the position has been further reviewed. Recognising the need for change in keeping with ongoing negotiations between the State Electricity Boards and the proponents of the Power Projects, it has been decided to effect certain modifications in the tariff formula and the rates of depreciation. The main changes are the following:—

(1) The weighted average rate of depreciation for coal based thermal power projects at 6.02% is inadequate for debt redemption. It has been decided to provide an average rate of 7.5% as the rate of depreciation applicable for all thermal projects.

(2) A number of investors have been requesting that the component of return